

HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ACCOMPANYING H.R. 4350

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise as Congress considers the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 to highlight a concern with some language in the House Armed Services Committee Report accompanying H.R. 4350 that passed this chamber earlier this year, and which I voted to support. Included in the House bill's report is direction to the Secretary of Defense to study and issue a report on "DoD Logistics and Potential Benefits of Carsharing" for servicemembers. In carrying out the study, I believe the Department of Defense must objectively evaluate not only potential benefits, but also potential risks peer-to-peer car-sharing might pose to our servicemembers and families. For example, I am concerned about potential predatory lending practices to the extent that peer-to-peer car-sharing platforms encourage individual vehicle owners to go out and acquire vehicles for the sole purpose of renting a small "fleet" of vehicles on such platforms; the collection and remission of transactional sales and excise taxes on behalf of vehicle owners in states without laws expressly requiring the platform to do so, which could impact a servicemember's tax liability; and, cybersecurity for servicemembers or their families' personal and financial data. The bottom line is that I believe the Department of Defense, in carrying out the study described in the House Armed Services Committee Report accompanying H.R. 4350, must consider potential risks, in addition to the potential benefits, of peer-to-peer carsharing among our servicemembers.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. ELOIS LEWIS EDGE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Elois Lewis Edge of Albany, Georgia, who will be retiring after a distinguished, 43-year career as a nurse, midwife, and instructor serving the families and communities of Southwest Georgia.

Dr. Edge has been a Certified Nurse Midwife at Albany Area Primary Health since 2009. Before that, she worked at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital for 30 years. In these positions, Dr. Edge earned the gratitude of thousands of expectant mothers for her skillful assistance, compassionate care, and warm personality.

Dr. Edge also attained distinction in academia as well. She earned her Associate Arts in Nursing at Darton State University in Albany, which was followed by a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Georgia Southwestern University in Americus, Georgia; a Certificate of Midwifery from the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing in Hyden, Kentucky; a Master of Science in Nursing from Case

Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio; and a Doctorate in Nursing Practice from Frontier Nursing University in Hyden, Kentucky. While Dr. Edge was receiving her degrees, she was teaching future generations of medical professionals at Georgia Southwestern University and Frontier Nursing University.

Shirley Chisholm often said that: "Service is the rent that we pay for the space we occupy on this earth." Dr. Edge paid her rent and she paid it well. The world is a much brighter place due to the thousands of children Dr. Edge has helped usher into the world, either directly as a midwife, or by virtue of the instruction she provided to the scores of midwives and nurses who learned their trade from her.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the United States House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the over 730,000 residents of the Second Congressional District of Georgia in honoring Dr. Elois Lewis Edge on her outstanding career and upon the occasion of her retirement. We wish her well as she begins a new chapter in her life.

RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF MEXICAN AMERICANS

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans.

For 50 years, AAMA has helped Latinos achieve their potential.

AAMA has motivated Latino youth to finish school and encouraged many to go on to college.

As a Mexican American, I know first-hand how important it is to have someone fighting for you on your path to success.

AAMA has always fought for every single one of our children, especially the most at risk and marginalized among us. Truly never has one been forgotten or left out.

For half a century, if you were working for the greater good in Houston's East End, then you have been a part of AAMA's work or been a fruit of AAMA's labor.

AAMA has helped unlock the American Dream for countless American Latinos. It has established itself as the heart of the Houston community.

So today, I want to thank everyone who has served at AAMA for their incredible passion and dedication.

Your service to the Latino community has been extraordinary.

I look forward to what the next 50 years will bring to the AAMA and to Latinos everywhere.

SALUTING FIT'S CYBERSECURITY TEAM FOR EXTRAORDINARY FIRST PLACE FINISH

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the Florida Institute of Technology's

Cyber League Team, FITSEC, for their extraordinary perfect score and first place finish in the Fall 2021 National Cyber League team tournament on November 7, 2021.

The National Cyber League team tournament is a biannual national competition in which 650 institutions around the country face off to solve simulations of real-life cybersecurity problems. The National Cyber League assesses a team's ability to address nine critical cybersecurity workforce categories outlined in the NIST NICE Cybersecurity Framework and the NSA Knowledge Units. This year more than 3,900 teams competed, with our hometown team clinching the victory.

The Florida Institute of Technology of Melbourne, FL, in my district, is leading the way in cybersecurity research and education and has been recognized as a National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) National Center of Academic Excellence (CAE-R) in Cyber Defense Research.

Their rigorous undergraduate Cyber Operations Concentration, modeled after the NSA Cyber Operations Knowledge Units, is developing bright young minds that will most certainly be among our nation's future leaders. It is good to know that students right here in Brevard County will soon help solve the problems of tomorrow, like countering unchecked foreign threats and filling the shortages in this growing field already identified by the federal government.

The 2021 Florida Institute of Technology's team was coached by Dr. TJ O'Connor and consisted of two graduate and five undergraduate students in Computer Science, including Blake Janes, Carl Mann, Dave Breeden, Isaiah Thomas, Logan Suarez, Stephanie Wood, and Tiffanie Petersen.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating FIT and these student leaders on their outstanding accomplishments and wish them every success in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE BAY SPRINGS BULLDOGS AS MHSAA 1A STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I'd like to congratulate the Bay Springs Bulldogs and Coach Dan Brady on their MHSAA 1A State Championship victory. Although the Bulldogs have reached the playoffs multiple times, Coach Brady led the talented team to a 32-12 victory over Simmons High School. I commend Coach Brady for his success at the helm of the Bulldogs football team and wish him and his team continued success in the future.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the young men who worked tirelessly for the championship trophy. Every early morning, every extra rep, and every sacrifice they made to better themselves and their team has resulted in the top prize.

In the coming days, as the thrill of victory begins to fade, I would encourage those young men to reflect deeply on the investment they made to realize this championship. They will never forget the feeling of their great accomplishment; but in the future, as they reminisce on this victory, I would challenge them

to remember the qualities that made them champions.

Those qualities of hard-work, commitment, and determination will continue to serve them well in the future as they transition from leaders on the field to leaders in their families, communities, state, and nation.

Congratulations to the Bay Springs Bulldogs. They earned this victory.

HONORING LESLIE WILLIAMS

HON. DEBORAH K. ROSS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of my constituent Leslie Williams. Leslie recently achieved a wonderful milestone in her career in real estate by being named the 2022 President of the Raleigh Association of Realtors.

Leslie has been a resident of North Carolina for 20 years, and has over 30 years of sales, marketing, customer service, and management experience. She also has a Masters degree in Business Administration and has attained several real estate certifications throughout her career.

In addition to her professional achievements, Leslie is dedicated to volunteering, mentorship, and ensuring homeownership for all. I am so proud to represent a constituent who is committed to supporting these important efforts in our community, and I look forward to hearing more about her work in the future and collaborate to improve our community.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PREPARE + PROSPER

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the staff and volunteers of Prepare + Prosper as they celebrate their 50th year of service to Minnesota taxpayers. Prepare + Prosper is a nonprofit organization working to build financial health and expand access to quality tax and financial services for low- and moderate-income individuals and families. Through their efforts they have helped countless Minnesotans navigate the tax system, and in 2019 alone, they helped over 12,000 taxpayers file returns free of charge.

Prepare + Prosper was founded in 1971 by a small group of economic justice-oriented accountants who began to provide free accounting services to small business owners. Soon after, they also started to provide free individual tax preparation for low- to moderate-income taxpayers. Over the years they have grown into an organization with just over 20 year-round staff members and more than 600 volunteers, and have expanded the reach of their free tax filing services and broadened their offerings to include financial coaching and access to financial products.

Two of their current program offerings are Money Mentors and Financial Access in Reach (FAIR) Financial Solution. Money Mentors provides one-on-one mentoring with a financial coach and a network of peers to help participants create a plan for their financial future and ultimately reach their financial goals. Prepare + Prosper partnered with Sunrise Banks to reimagine banking with their FAIR Financial Solution program. This initiative gives low-income families access to checking and savings accounts as well as a small-loan program at low cost, while also providing an alternative to check-cashing operators and payday lenders.

In the Twin Cities, more than 194,000 households are excluded from the financial mainstream according to the FDIC, meaning that they may have unpredictable income, lack of access to checking and savings accounts or to affordable credit or loans. On top of this, many households experienced financial stress brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic or needed help to navigate the system and receive their Economic Impact Payments or Child Tax Credits.

The staff and volunteers at Prepare + Prosper are an extremely valuable asset to the community as they help Minnesotans overcome these barriers that still exist when seeking greater economic opportunity. And as part of their effort to bridge these gaps, Prepare + Prosper engages in advocacy work to advance policies and practices that will directly benefit people with low- to moderate-incomes when it comes to tax credits, consumer protection and asset-building. They also partner with other community organizations to spread the word about their services and to reach those who may be eligible for benefits like the Child Tax Credit which helps lift families out of poverty.

Prepare + Prosper is led today by Executive Director Suyapa Miranda who joined the organization in the spring of 2021 and will lead them into the next 50 years of service with a focus on closing the economic wealth gap in Minnesota by concentrating on developing and implementing programs that serve communities most impacted by systemic economic injustice.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Prepare + Prosper as they celebrate 50 years of upholding their mission of building financial well-being through offering free tax preparation and financial services, and by changing systems to create economic opportunity for all.

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER'S EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music on the occasion of its centennial celebration.

In September 1921, the Eastman School of Music opened its doors with an inaugural

class of 104 students. Through the efforts of its founder, George Eastman of Eastman Kodak Company, longtime director Howard Hanson, and University of Rochester President Rush Rhees, the school became a leader in American music education dedicated to the highest levels of artistry and scholarship.

The following year, the school's largest performance venue, the iconic Eastman Theatre, was opened. Inscribed on its facade is Mr. Eastman's vision, "For the enrichment of community life." In the years since, the theatre has hosted some of the world's greatest musicians, including composers Aaron Copland, Igor Stravinsky and John Williams; jazz musicians Duke Ellington, Wynton Marsalis, and Eastman alumnus Ron Carter; and classical luminaries Itzhak Perlman, Yo-Yo Ma, and Eastman alumna, Renée Fleming. It is the main performing venue of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and hosts many community concerts, lectures, and events. It is also the venue and location of choice for many national and international festivals including The CGI Rochester International Jazz Festival, KeyBank Rochester Fringe Festival, and more.

The Eastman Community Music School, also founded in 1921, is continuing to honor Mr. Eastman's dream, offering music lessons, ensembles, classes, and workshops to students of all ages and financial means each year. Eastman also provides tuition-free lessons and music instruction to Rochester City School District students, many of whom go on to study at Eastman as well as at other top music schools.

Eastman has distinguished itself as an innovator in music and culture, developing the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in the 1950s and becoming the first music school to formally offer courses in entrepreneurial thinking and leadership studies through its Institute for Music Leadership. Eastman's Sibley Music Library is the largest collegiate music library in North America with nearly 750,000 items, including many manuscripts, first-editions, and vast resources for performance and research. Eastman Performing Arts Medicine is a recent pioneering partnership between Eastman and the University of Rochester Medical Center to connect world-class performing arts with medicine.

Today, the Eastman School of Music enrolls nearly 900 undergraduate and graduate students from almost every state and many countries around the world, led by 95 faculty members. Its alumni include many Pulitzer, Tony, Grammy, and Emmy Award winners.

Over the last one hundred years, the Eastman School of Music's premier programs and magnificent facilities have become a powerful cultural force not only in Rochester, New York, but across the United States and around the world. It is an honor to represent this fine institution and to support efforts over the years to strengthen this extraordinary school for many generations to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music on its centennial. Its service and contributions to Rochester, New York State, and arts and culture around the world will always be celebrated.